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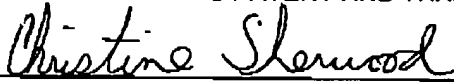
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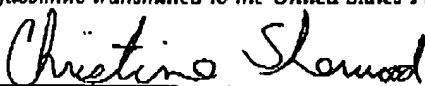
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Enclosed is an amendment to the above-identified application.

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Independent Claims	7	** 13	0	x \$100.00	x \$200.00	0
Multiple Dependent Claims ***				\$180.00	\$360.00	
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In response to the Office action mailed February 8, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 11 of this paper.